

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 27, 2022

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro, Ranking Member Granger, and Ranking Member Cole,

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2023 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill, I respectfully request that you consider providing \$1,990,034 for the purchase and installation of a positron emission tomography – computed tomography (PET-CT) Scanner by Auburn Community Hospital, located at 17 Lansing St. Auburn, NY 13021.

The \$1,990,034 in requested funding will cover the purchase of the PET-CT Scanner by Auburn Community Hospital, as well as associated building renovations to accommodate the machine. This project builds on a partnership between SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York, and Auburn Community Hospital to establish a new Cancer Treatment Center and increase the availability of services for patients in Cayuga County, New York. Specifically, the PET-CT Scanner will enable precise diagnostic imaging for oncology doctors and surgeons, helping them to determine the exact location of a tumor in relation to a patient's organs.

This project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it would expand access to state-of-the-art cancer diagnostics and treatment in Cayuga County and the surrounding area. Accurate imaging is crucial for doctors to determine a course of treatment for a patient, and residents of the Auburn area and much of Cayuga County must currently drive 30 miles or more to access this technology in Syracuse or Rochester. Given that cancer is one of the preeminent causes of premature death in Cayuga County, this project represents a significant investment in the health and wellbeing of our community.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project. Furthermore, I am not aware of any other Member of Congress submitting a request for this purpose. Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Katko", is positioned above a horizontal line.

John Katko
Member of Congress